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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our Lord and our God, savior of humanity, thank You for commanding light out of darkness, for creating our world and calling it good. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty.

Today, bless our lawmakers. Give them the courage to hold on to what is good and to return no evil for evil. Use them to strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the suffering. Lord, empower them to love and serve with exemplary faithfulness. Help them to be as kind to others as You have been to them, and empower them to transform their struggles into stepping stones.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable AL FRANKEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, January 25, 2010.

*To the Senate:*

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. FRANKEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### THE CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on Saturday on public radio, there was a very nice piece on our Chaplain. It was a long interview; it must have taken 10 or 15 minutes. The woman doing the interview on public radio came to his office here. She was at various places with him. It was a very good piece historically about the history of the Chaplain in the Senate, and it spoke very well of our Chaplain—the first African American to become an admiral in the Navy, our first African-American Chaplain. He is a person who is very accomplished.

I appreciate the work he does for each of us individually and the work he does with various groups. He has a number of study groups here that he works with on a weekly basis. In the Senate, we are very proud of our Senate Chaplain, ADM Dr. Barry Black.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

I ask unanimous consent that the first speaker during morning business be the Senator from California, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and that she be recognized for up to 15 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will turn to executive session to consider the nomination of Rosanna Peterson to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Washington. At 6 p.m., the Senate will vote on her confirmation.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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